**Roman army supremacy basics**

1. **Soldier Formation:**

**-Roman army formed a wall of shields**

**-Prevented the line from being broken**

**-A better offense and defense**

**2. Style of one-on-one combat:**

**-Swords were short—lightweight, fast, efficient, maneuverable**

**-Used quick stabbing motions, very efficient**

**-Worked together with the shield wall as a system to protect the soldiers**

**3. Differentiated army units**

**-Smallest unit of command was 10 men (the contubernium)**

**-Orders and commands were fast—everyone knew what to do more quickly than other armies**

**4. Line-relief system**

**-A sub system that allowed soldiers to fight really well and then rest for a period of time.**

**5. Operates as one unit**

**-The army not only fought well together**

**-They marched quickly, their engineering of camps, walls, weapons, and bridges was efficient and fat.**

**-Everyone has the same goal**